

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 26, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0188875.

In response, Applicant encloses a Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 with supporting Exhibits. The Declaration operates to swear behind Hwang. More specifically, the Declaration effectively demonstrates that the presently claimed invention was conceived in the United States prior to April 24, 2001 (i.e., the § 102(e) date of Hwang) coupled with due diligence from prior to April 24, 2001 to a subsequent reduction to practice. Accordingly, the rejection of all pending claims 1-27 based upon Hwang should be withdrawn.

Applicants respectively submit that in view of the amendments and remarks above, all of the pending claims 1-27 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectively requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (312) 913-0001 with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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